

King Albert of Belgium Helped to Settle Great Suffrage Strike

TO King Albert of Belgium goes much of the credit for the settlement of the great manhood suffrage strike of workmen throughout that nation. It was largely on the king's advice that the government accepted the compromise proposed by the Liberal leader, M. Masson.

The strike was one of the most unique in history on account of the remarkable discipline maintained, the solidarity of those who joined in the movement and its skillful organization.

It is estimated that 500,000 Belgian workmen were idle when the compromise was reached. The strike was inspired by Socialists, who want the Belgian plural voting system abolished.

The old system gives the vote only to men twenty-one years old or over and not legally disqualified.

A man who is married or is a widower with children and pays a direct tax of \$1 a year gets an extra vote. To those owning property worth a certain sum or holding official positions or university degrees two extra votes are allowed.

The Socialist demand is that the plural vote be abolished and that one vote, and one only, be given to each citizen, male or female, over the age of twenty-one years.

Only a week before the strike was settled the Belgian premier declared: "No government could yield to a strike of this nature. To yield would be to abdicate."

Nevertheless the strike made sufficient impression upon the government to induce it to unbind from its uncompromising attitude far enough to insure the termination of a situation which cost the country many millions and was daily driving away from the manufacturers customers they may never win back.

The decision to accept the compromise was reached by the cabinet, and the premier announced in the chamber of deputies that the government had made M. Masson's motion its own.

When the chamber of deputies met that afternoon there was a tense feeling of expectancy. The conciliatory motion of the Liberal leader was taken up immediately.

Deputy Liebaert, a Clerical, proposed an additional clause reading: "The chamber disapproves and condemns the general strike."

Premier de Broqueville accepted the motion as amended and asked the other members of his party not to suggest any changes.

The Socialist leader, Emile Vandervelde, then spoke, saying: "We, the deputies of the left, support M. Masson's motion for a compromise. It remains for us to convoke a Socialist congress, which alone has the power to decide whether the strike shall end or not.

But we have the conviction that the adoption of the motion will be a step in advance."

The first part of the motion was then adopted unanimously by the chamber. The Socialists voted against the second part of the motion, but it was carried by the Conservatives and Liberals, the vote standing 124 to 30.

The Socialists abstained from voting when the vote on the two parts of the motion was taken together. In that way it was carried by a vote of 138 to 2.

The Socialists generally appeared to be satisfied with the result. M. Destree said that the second part of the motion was unimportant. "It was," he added, "tantamount to saying that the clubbed repudiated the club."

BOWSER'S "CURE"

Learns New Method to Assuage All Human Ills.

GIVES IT THOROUGH TRIAL.

Unfortunately He is interrupted by a Policeman, Who Fails to Sympathize With His Experiments—Bowser Divorce Suit Postponed Until Morning.

By M. QUAD. (Copyright, 1913, by Associated Literary Press.)

It was half an hour after Mr. Bowser's usual time for getting home from the office, and Mrs. Bowser was worried.

He might have been ground up by a street car. He might have been stabbed or shot in an altercation over the high cost of living and the higher cost of dying.

He might have been arrested and locked up for resenting an inquiry as to what had become of his hair. It was Mr. Bowser, and anything and everything was possible.

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ute and then rose up and walked to and fro for five minutes. He scuffed as he walked. He sighed as he looked down at the cat. His back was bent and his knees wobbled. Finally he sat down and said:

"You haven't a word of sympathy for me, but as the kill or cure is coming off tonight I might as well tell you about it. It's a cold night outdoors, isn't it?"

"I believe so." "With a sharp frost falling?" "Yes."

"I am to take the frost cure, and two hours of it will either kill me or make a well man of me."

"You don't eat the frost, do you?" "No, sir, I don't. I let it fall on me while my face is toward the moon."

"And the moon drives it all through your system? I see?" "Now you are getting some sense into your head. Yes, the system takes up the frost scales, and they release certain medicinal properties to combat ailments. It's a one night cure."

A Splendid Idea. "Isn't it just splendid!" exclaimed Mrs. Bowser. "Why, you'll get up in the morning without a pain or ache about you for the first time in years! You are to stay out two hours, eh?"

"He said about two hours." "Better make it two and a half, so as to be dead sure of a cure. Your hide is pretty thick, and you must give the frost a fair show to strike in."

Mr. Bowser didn't like the last remark, but he passed it by with a grunt and made ready to go out. He was not to wear his overcoat or gloves. If he shivered he must take it as a good sign that he was getting better.

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KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM.



"I'M TAKING THE FROST CURE," SAID BOWSER.

more and might have good luck. If anything smashed to a pulp was brought in in a basket they would let her know with pleasure.

She Uttered a Half Scream. Mrs. Bowser had been sitting and waiting for strength to come back to her knees when Mr. Bowser entered the house. She uttered a half scream and ran to him, and he waved her off and demanded:

"You've fired the cook, I suppose?" "No, but—" "Refused a starving old woman a crust then?" "I—I was worried about you. You are late, you see."

"Humph!" It was after dinner had been finished that Mr. Bowser said by way of explanation:

"After I left the office I went to see Dr. Schoonberg." "And who's he?" was asked. "The greatest living doctor of the age."

"But I never heard of him." "Probably not. There's a good many things in this world you never heard of, but they manage to get along just the same."

"Well, don't be cross about it. Did the doctor want some insurance of you?" "Nonsense!" "Oh, you wanted something of him?"

He Needed Medical Advice. "Madam, when a man has a weak heart, indigestion and trouble with his spine and goes to a doctor the inference is that he goes for a consultation."

"And pays \$25 to be told that nothing ails him!" "That's you exactly! Because I don't go squealing around the house like a sick pig you reason that I am in the best of health. No husband, unless he is a booby, ever complains."

"You got away with a thumping big bolted dinner yesterday." "What's that got to do with it? Alexander the Great ate a plate of bolted cabbage and died in ten minutes."

"Did this celebrated doctor say what ailed you?" asked Mrs. Bowser. "He found the ailments I have named and two or three more that I had suspected but weren't sure of."

"Then nothing can save you from the grave?" "That's to be seen. He told me what to do, and I shall do it." "Did you bring home any medicines?" "I am not to take any."

"I ain't—ain't drunk!" was protested. "Don't call me a liar!" "My name is Bow-Bow—" "Shut up and come along."

Mrs. Bowser Explains. Mrs. Bowser had been peering from a back window, and she saw that a clix max had come, and she hastened to the alley to explain matters to the officer.

"Look at his ears and nose!" said the officer as he pointed. "Yes; they are frosted." "And his toes?" "Doubtless the same."

"He's as high frozen as a man can be. He isn't off in his head, is he?" "Oh, no." "Just what they call faddish, eh?" "That's all."

"Then I'll help you into the house with him. Some wives would break his neck, but I guess you are good to him."

Mrs. Bowser worked over the patient for three long hours and finally got him thawed out and warmed up to hear him say:

"A cold blooded attempt to assassinate me!" "Your nose and ears are already beginning to peel."

"And we'll telephone our respective lawyers in the morning to go ahead with a divorce case."

The cop was right. Mrs. Bowser is always good to Mr. Bowser. Some day she may even cure him of his fads.

Not So Sick. One of the stories around town concerns a man who caught a heavy cold during the changeable weather and concluded to take a spell in bed. His wife came into the room and said:

"Jim, there's a visitor for you." "Oh, shucks," Jim growled. "I'm too sick to see anybody." "But it's our pastor." "Thunder! I ain't sick enough to see him!"—Exchange.

Inquisitive. "Pop, did you hurt yourself last night?" "Hurt myself? What does the child mean?" "Why Jimmie Smith's papa said he saw you fall off the water wagon."—Baltimore American.

What She Took. "Why did you order that well dressed lady out of the store?" "She's